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ELSTREE RURAL DISTRICT



HEALTH REPORT

1966

ELSTREE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

G. WINN EVERETT, M.B., B.S., D.R.C.O.G.

to 6th November, 1966

CARL BURNS, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., D.P.H.

from 7th November, 1966

together with the

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

G. E. MALE, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

1966

ELSTREE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Council Offices, Shenley Road, Borehamwood.

Divisional Health & Welfare Office,
Bleak House,
St. Albans, Herts.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN.

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health and the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector on the health of Elstree for the year 1966.

This is my first Annual Report and as I did not take up my appointment until almost the end of the year my comments on it must necessarily be brief. I must, however, pay tribute to the work of my predecessor, Dr. G. Winn Everett and in addition express my gratitude to all those members of the staff who did so much to ease my task in taking up my new duties.

I am very pleased to say that the health of the residents continues to be satisfactory. The major causes of death are those diseases which are common to all western urbanised societies, namely diseases of degeneration; cardiovascular diseases and the cancers.

The work of the Health Department involves many people and I would like to thank all those people on whose co-operation we rely, our medical colleagues, both in general practice and hospital services, our colleagues in local government and in the schools, central government departments and the public of Elstree. I would like to record my thanks to the staff of the department, Dr. O'Reilly and the other Medical Officers, Mr. Male and his staff in Elstree and Mr. Jewell and the staff of the Divisional Health office, for all their work and help throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen for all the consideration you have given me and the members of my staff during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant

CARL BURNS

Medical Officer of Health.

Section A
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF
THE AREA

Area	8.339 acres
Population (mid 1966 - Registrar General's Estimate	30,490
Total number of inhabited houses	7,935
Rateable Value (1st April 1967)	£1,970,224
Estimate product of a penny rate (1st April 1967)	£8,120

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Live births	409	207	202
Live births rate per 1000 population	13.4		
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	8.3		
Still births	8	2	6
Still birth rate per 1000 live and still births	19.2		
Total live and still births	417	209	208
<u>Infant deaths</u> (deaths under 1 year)	4	3	1
Total Infant deaths per 1000 total live births	9.8		
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births	8.0		
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	29.4		
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under four weeks per 1000 total live births)	9.8		
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under one week per 1000 total live births)	9.8		
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1000 total live and still births)	28.8		

Maternal deaths (including abortion)

Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	Nil

	ELSTREE R.D.C.		Hertford County	England & Wales
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>*Standardised</u>		
Birth rate	13.4	14.0	17.3	17.7
Death rate	11.8	11.1	9.1	11.7

*Actual rate x Comparability Factor to give Standardised Rate.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total
		All Ages
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	M	1
	F	-
Tuberculosis, Other	M	1
	F	-
Syphilitic Disease	M	-
	F	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	3
	F	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	10
	F	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	1
	F	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	16
	F	12
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	M	2
	F	1
Diabetes	M	-
	F	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	12
	F	23
Coronary Disease, Angina	M	35
	F	39
Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	2
	F	1
Other Heart Disease	M	5
	F	22
Other Circulatory Disease	M	10
	F	14
Pneumonia	M	16
	F	53
Bronchitis	M	4
	F	5
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	-
	F	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	M	-
	F	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	M	2
	F	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	1
Congenital Malformations	M	-
	F	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	12
	F	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	3
	F	1
All Other Accidents	M	5
	F	6
Suicide	M	2
	F	4
Total all Causes ...	M	143
	F	217

Under 4 Weeks	4 weeks to 1 year	1-14	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
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1	-	4	1	1	6	10	26	53	115

Section B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health and Deputy. Both full time officers of the County Council.

One Chief and two District Public Health Inspectors

(All whole-time, qualified Public Health Inspectors and Meat and Food Inspectors).

The Health and Housing Committee deals with all matters relating to Public Health. They meet at six-weekly intervals and receive the reports of the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Public-Health Inspector.

2. (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

Samples of water, milk and ice-cream are examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Peace Memorial Hospital, Watford.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Cases of infectious disease are conveyed to the Coppetts Wood Isolation Hospital, Muswell Hill and the West Hendon Hospital. The ambulance for non-infectious cases, provided by the Herts County Council, is stationed at the Fire Station, Elstree Way, and is manned by the Herts Ambulance Brigade Staff. If this service is not available, ambulances are on call from a pool controlled by the West Herts Divisional Control, St. Albans.

(c) NURSING IN THE HOME

The area has five whole-time Health Visitors, one part-time Health Visitor, four District Nurses employed on general nursing, two midwives and two District Nurse Midwives

(d) TREATMENT CENTRES AND MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CLINICS.

(i) Elstree Way, Borehamwood.

Ante-Natal Clinic (Bushey Maternity)	Wednesdays at 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4 p.m.
Infant Welfare	Thursday 2 - 4 p.m.
Family Planning	Fridays 2.15 - 3.15 p.m. and Tuesdays 6.15 - 7 p.m.
** Speech Therapy	Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30 p.m.
** Ophthalmic	Wednesdays 1.30 - 3 p.m.
Diphtheria & Whooping Cough Immunisation	Fridays 9.30 - 11 a.m.
School Dental Clinic	9 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 4 p.m.
Orthodontic	Tuesdays a.m. by Appointment Only
Mothers Club	1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

(ii) Health Annexe, Greenacres School, Borehamwood.

Infant Welfare	Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.
** Speech Therapy	Mondays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon Fridays 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
School Dental Clinic	Fridays a.m. and p.m.

(iii) Health Annexe, Saffron Green School, Borehamwood.

Infant Welfare	Tuesdays 2 - 4 p.m.
School Dental Clinic	Monday & Wednesdays a.m. & p.m.
** Speech Therapy	Fridays 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.

(iv) Church Hall, Shenley

Infant Welfare & Immunisation
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month 2 - 4 p.m.

** Treatment by appointment only.

(e) HOSPITALS

The Rural District of Elstree is covered by the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board. Individual hospitals are managed by Hospital Management Committee Groups.

Barnet General Hospital

General Hospital with complement of 471 beds and the usual medical and surgical facilities. Regular consultative clinics are as follows:-

Ante-Natal	Gynaecological	Physical medicine
Dental	Medical	Plastic Surgery
Dermatological	Neurology	Post-Natal
Chiropody	Ophthalmic	Psychiatric
Ear, nose & throat	Orthopaedic	Radiotherapy
Geriatric	Paediatric	Sub-Fertility (Males)
		Surgical
		Tuberculosis

St. Stephen's Hospital

Small General Hospital with complement of 94 beds.

Victoria Hospital, Wood Street, Barnet.

Maternity Hospital with complement of 50 ~~maternity~~ beds and 50 cots,

Clare Hall Hospital, South Mimms

Chest Hospital with complement of 334 beds

Child Guidance Clinic, Orchard Gate, Hill End, St. Albans.

Child Guidance service: Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(Patients seen by appointment only)

St. Albans City Hospital, Normandy Road, St. Albans.

Veneral Diseases: Tuesdays 5 - 6.30 p.m.
Thursdays 1 - 2 p.m.

Shrodells Hospital, Watford.

Veneral Diseases: Mondays 4 - 6 p.m.
Wednesdays 4 - 6 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Bushey & District Hospital, Bushey.

General Hospital with complement of 37 beds.

Coppetts Wood Hospital, London, N.20 (Telephone TUD 9792)

Cases of infectious diseases (excluding Smallpox) are taken to this hospital. Bed complement 144.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The Rural District has 3 Parishes, Elstree, Shenley and Ridge.

The Parish of Ridge and a small part of Elstree Parish is supplied with water by the Lee Valley Water Company.

The Parish of Shenley and the rest of Elstree Parish is supplied with water by the Colne Valley Water Company.

I am indebted to the above-mentioned companies for the following information regarding the water supplied to the district.

1. The water supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.
2. 784 samples of raw water were submitted to bacteriological examination. The results were variable.
3. 2804 samples of supply water were submitted to bacteriological examination. The results were satisfactory.
4. 368 samples of raw water were examined chemically. The results were variable.
5. 655 samples of supply water were examined chemically. The results were satisfactory.
6. Before distribution the raw water is chlorinated and partially dechlorinated. Part of the supply water is filtered and most of it is submitted to softening.
7. The water is not likely to be plumbo-solvent.
8. All the houses in the district are supplied from public water mains direct to the houses with the exception of one isolated house in the Parish of Ridge, which has a water supply from a private well.
9. The fluoride content of the water supply is less than 0.1 part per million. The Council has asked the Minister of Health to require the addition of fluoride to drinking water throughout the country where the naturally occurring amount is insufficient.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The main centres of population in the district are served by drains connected to the trunk sewer of the South-West Herts Main Drainage Authority, the sewage being treated at Rickmansworth. There are small treatment works within the district at Catherine Bourne and Bell Lane, Shenley and at Watford Road, Elstree.

77 private septic tank disposal units at farms and isolated dwellings were desludged twice during the year. The work is carried out by arrangement with the St. Albans Rural District Council.

The number of houses in the district without water-closets has now been reduced to 2, and efforts are continuing to persuade the owners of these properties to provide improved sanitary facilities.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House refuse is collected weekly from the whole of the District by the Council's own staff (under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor), and disposed of by controlled tipping on the site of the disused sewage works at Moor Mills, Park Street, Nr. St. Albans.

Paper sacks instead of dustbins are now used throughout the district.

SWIMMING POOLS

There are no public swimming pools in the Elstree Rural District. A large public swimming pool is in the course of construction and will be opened in the summer of 1968.

CLEAN AIR

The area between the Barnet-By-Pass and Furzehill Road, from Shenley Road and Elstree Way, southwards to the district boundary is now subject to Smoke Control. Further action has been deferred for a period of twelve months.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year investigation and treatment for rats and mice was carried out at 335 premises. 82 buildings were treated for various insect infestations.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAYS PREMISES ACT, 1963 -

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

TOTALS	REGISTERED.		
	During the year	At end of year	Inspections made
Offices	1	38	30
Retail shops	2	124	112
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	3	3
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	2	16	16
Fuel storage depots	-	2	1

Table B - Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises 162

Table C - Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of Workplace	No. of Persons employed
Offices	983
Retail Shops	783
Wholesale departments, warehouses	164
Catering establishments open to the public	159
Canteens	49
Fuel storage depots	4
Total	2142
Total Males	1164
Total Females	978

Table D - Exemptions

No applications have been received or exemptions granted in respect of any requirement of the Act.

Table E - Prosecutions - Nil

Table F - No. of Inspectors - 3

The Act required employers to register their premises between the 1st May and 31st July 1964. It will be noted that 183 premises were registered. 162 premises were inspected. 30 verbal notices were issued.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

During the year 7 applications were received for Standard Grants, all were approved.

Of these houses 6 were occupied by the owners.

One application was received for a Discretionary Improvement Grant and was approved.

Steady progress is being made but it could be much speedier if more owners of tenanted houses would take advantage of the offer of Improvement Grants.

RENT ACT 1957. CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 and 1951

It was not necessary during the year to use the powers given to remove elderly or infirm persons who require care and attention but are unwilling voluntarily to enter hospital.

Visits are made from time to time on two elderly women each of whom lives alone and has been in hospital for a period under Orders made for their care. With home nursing, meals on wheels and the Home Help Service they manage reasonably well.

INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR

A total of 3204 visits and inspections to all types of premises was made during the year. 519 inspections of food handling premises were carried out.

110 Informal Notices requiring the remedy of defects in dwelling houses were served during the year. In only 3 instances was the service of a Statutory Notice necessary.

REGISTERED COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses in the area

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

45 visits were made to agricultural holdings during the year for the purposes of the Act. No statutory action was required.

1. The first part of the report is a general introduction to the project.	
2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the methodology used.	
3. The third part of the report is a presentation of the results of the study.	
4. The fourth part of the report is a discussion of the results and their implications.	
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TUBERCULOSIS - New cases and mortality during 1966

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1								
1								
2 - 4								
5 - 9								
10 - 14								
15 - 19								
20 - 24	1	1						
25 - 34				1				
35 - 44	1							
45 - 54	2				1			
55 - 64				1				
65 - 74	1							
75 & over								
Age Unknown								
* Totals	5	1	-	2	1	-	-	-

* Not including patients resident in Shenley Mental Hospital.

Section D
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases during the year:

Disease	Total Notified	Total cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	7		
Whooping Cough	7		
Poliomyelitis	-		
Measles	307		
Diphtheria	-		
Dysentery	3		
Meningococcal Infection	-		
Pneumonia	3		
Smallpox	-		
Acute encephalitis	-		
Typhoid Fever	-		
Paratyphoid Fever	-		
Erysipelas	1		
Food Poisoning	-		
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-		
Anthrax	-		

Age Group	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 & over	Age unknown	Totals
Scarlet Fever			1		1	1	1	2		1	7
Whooping Cough	1	1		1		3		1			7
Poliomyelitis											-
Measles	11	35	46	44	38	128	3	2			307
Diphtheria											-
Dysentery						1	1		1		3
Meningococcal Infection											-
Pneumonia						1			2		3
Smallpox											-
Acute encephalitis											-
Typhoid Fever											-
Paratyphoid Fever											-
Erysipelas									1		1
Food Poisoning											-
Puerperal Pyrexia										1	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum											-
Anthrax											-

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

MR. CHAIRMAN, MADAM AND GENTLEMEN

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1962.

The routine work of the department has followed the pattern set during recent years, a slow but steady flow of applications for housing improvement grants, the further reduction of houses without water closets to two and the hope that in the near future I shall have the pleasure of reporting that all dwellings in the district have this basic amenity.

The number of complaints received regarding foodstuffs gives cause for concern and in three instances legal proceedings were instituted. The problems of manufacturers of food are obvious but it is essential that continual vigilance be maintained and mechanical devices such as foreign body detectors used wherever practical.

It is a great pleasure to record my sincere thanks to the Council for their encouragement and support. I was sorry to see the departure of Dr. Winn Everett as Medical Officer of Health during the year, we had worked together since 1954 and I valued her guidance greatly. May I also express my thanks to Mr. Norton and Mr. Candler, the District Public Health Inspectors, and to Mr. Nash and Mrs. Roeder who have ensured that the office works smoothly and efficiently.

I am,

your obedient servant,

G. E. MALE

Chief Public Health Inspector.

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On the following page details are given of food premises in the district and in accordance with the request of the Minister of Health details are given below regarding hand washing facilities and facilities for washing equipment.

There are 181 premises where food is sold, hand washing facilities are provided at all the premises.

174 premises are also provided with facilities for washing equipment. The exceptions being the 7 off licence premises where no open food is handled.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There was only one poultry processing premises in use in the district and 2 visits were made during the year. Most of the birds were despatched alive for processing outside the district. A few hundred birds annually had been slaughtered and eviscerated on the premises.

Slaughtering of poultry at the premises has now been discontinued.

CARAVANS

There are now two privately owned multiple caravan sites in the district, accommodating 60 caravans. The municipal caravan site has 10 caravans and there are 6 caravans on individual licensed sites.

The countryside in this district attracts caravan dwellers of all types and it is necessary to maintain a continual inspection of the area so that unlicensed land is not used for this purpose. With the co-operation of the Police we have been able to prevent unauthorised caravans and the nuisances which arise therefrom.

FOOD PREMISES

There are 181 premises in the district where food is prepared for sale, or sold, or offered or exposed for sale to the public.

The following table gives a summary of the types of food premises in the area.

General Provision shops	27	Butchers shops	12
Confectioners (Sweets etc)	18	Greengrocers	13
Confectioners (Bakers)	8	Fishmongers	5
Ice Cream Manufacturers	5	Bakehouses	4
Cafes & Restaurants	12	Factory canteens	24
Licensed Premises	22	School canteens	17
Chemists	7		

Off Licences 7

All the above-mentioned premises were inspected during the year.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955
Milk and Dairies Regulations

The following table gives particulars of milk samples taken during the year from purveyors within the district. All samples satisfied the prescribed tests as required by the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

Total No. of. Samples	Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised	Pasteurised	Sterilised
15	14	-	1

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT)
REGULATIONS 1959

Under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955, there are 5 registrations in the district of premises used for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream, and 41 premises registered for the sale of ice-cream.

41 samples were taken during the year. The results of the bacteriological examinations are as follows:-

Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV
26	7	8	-

Provisional Grades 1 and 2 are regarded as satisfactory. Grades 3 and 4 are unsatisfactory.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AND INSPECTED AND
PARTICULARS OF CONDEMNATIONS

	Cattle ex Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed					430	
Number inspected					430	
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI:						
Whole carcasses condemned					1	
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned					70	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis & Cysticerci					16.28%	
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:						
Whole carcasses condemned					-	
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned					2	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis					0.47%	
CYSTICERCOSIS:						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned						
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration						
Generalised and totally condemned						

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

During the year legal action was taken in the following instances.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 - Section 9

Part of a loaf of bread was found to have green stains in the substance of the bread and a piece of string had been baked in the loaf.

The Analysts's report showed the staining to be due to the presence of copper and the string was similar to that used for securing salt bags.

At Barnet Magistrate's Court the bakers pleaded guilty to selling food intended for human consumption which was found to be unfit. A fine of Five pounds, £5, was imposed

Food and Drugs Act 1955 - Section 2(1)

A custard tart was found to contain a dead fly. Legal proceedings were instituted and at Barnet Magistrates' Court the bakers pleaded guilty to the charge of selling food not of the quality demanded. A fine of Twenty pounds, £20, was imposed.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 - Section 2(1)

A pickled onion purchased from a shop in the district was found to contain a sliver of glass similar to the glass of the jar in which the onions were sold; but the jar itself was not damaged.

Legal proceedings were instituted and the manufacturers pleaded guilty at Barnet Magistrates' Court to selling food not of the quality demanded and were fined Ten pounds, £10.

None of the foodstuff involved in the cases which necessitated legal action during the year was manufactured in the Elstree Rural District.

In several other instances warning letters were sent to manufacturers of food, sold in the district, which was found to be unfit for human consumption.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1966
Part 1 of the act
Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local authorities	6	6	Nil	Nil
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local authority	97	113	3	Nil
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)				
Total	103	119	3	Nil

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector by H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)				
Overcrowding (S.2)				
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)				
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or defective	6	6		
(c) Not separate for sexes				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)				
Total	6	6	Nil Nil	Nil

Outworkers: Number of outworkers in the district during the year was 11

Nature of Work: Making of wearing apparel.

